

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jon Halter, City Engineer

DATE: December 22, 2015

RE: 4th Avenue North

Foley, Minnesota

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The existing sidewalks along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North are approximately 8 feet wide. Designing the project to State Aid Standards would reduce the width of the sidewalks to approximately 6 feet wide.

As discussed in past Council meetings, the City of Foley and Benton County can request a variance from MnDOT that would allow the diagonal parking stalls to be 2 feet narrower than the standard. If the variance is approved, the new sidewalks would be 7.5 to 8.5 feet wide depending on the building face, which is a similar width to the existing sidewalks.

MnDOT's Variance committee next meets on March 24 2016. A part of the variance request is a resolution from the City of Foley, which is included in tonight's Council packet for your consideration.

If you have any questions prior to the Council meeting on January 5, please contact me at 320.229.4344 or <a href="mailto:jhalter@sehinc.com">jhalter@sehinc.com</a>.

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